

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2388
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2008
WAREHOUSE HUBS
Gadhavi Shri Pushpdan Shambhudan

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether warehouse hubs are proposed to be constructed to meet the increasing requirement of foodgrain storage;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number and location of such warehouse hubs proposed to be constructed in the country alongwith the cost involved therein, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken to encourage private participation in the project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): No, Sir. There is no proposal to construct warehouse hubs.

However, FCI constructs warehouses subject to availability of resources for storage of its foodgrain stocks. As on 1.11.2008 a total capacity of 243.40 lakh MTs (owned/hired and covered and CAP) with 61% utilization is being maintained by FCI. In addition, during Xth Five Year Plan 2007-12 under the Plan scheme it has been proposed to construct 3.41 lakh MT capacity with an estimated cost of Rs. 164 crores (excluding cost of land) subject to availability of adequate funds and allotment of suitable land at proposed centers by the concerned State Govts. A list of priority of centers, proposed for construction of godowns during Xth Five Year Plan (2007-12) is at Annexure-I.

(b): Not applicable.

(c): In order to encourage private participation, a new Scheme called "Scheme for construction of godowns through Private Entrepreneurs 2008" has been announced by the Ministry and region-wise locations are being finalized where warehouse creation through private sector investment will be invited.